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Pastor's Epistle

1 O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

3 Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

4 Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.

5 Remember the wonderful works he has done.

Psalm 105:1-5

Do you remember where you were....

...when you heard that Osama Bin Laden was killed? Or...when the planes hit the twin towers? Or...when the shootings occurred at Columbine? Or...when the LA riots broke out? Or...when the space shuttle Challenger exploded? Or...when John Lennon was shot? Or...when President Kennedy was assassinated? I could go on, but I won't.

Does it seem to you that we far too often mark the passage of time with the most horrible occurrences of death and destruction of human life? To be sure, there are historic events that are much more pleasant and wonderful to recall, such as when the nation was glued to their televisions when Neil Armstrong became the first person to walk on the moon. Unfortunately, it is much easier to remember the horrible things that have happened as opposed to the life-affirming achievements of our communal life together. Interestingly, there's even a hymn we sing during Lent about the death and burial of Jesus titled, "Were You There?" which in essence basically asks the same question, do you remember where you were when Jesus was crucified?

I've been thinking of these things once again as we approach the fifteenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks on 9/11. While it is important to remember such events, as well as those who died on that terrible day, I believe we should strive to focus on the courageous and brave men and women who responded to the victims of that tragic day, and lift up how in the midst of destruction there continue to be those who seek to protect and preserve life. We as a congregation do this very thing on Sunday, September 11, as we hold a *Public Safety Appreciation Sunday*.

As people of faith, let us proactively recall not the sinfulness of the world, but rather let's remember the beautiful redemption of the world in the person and gospel of Jesus Christ. Seek each day how the Holy Spirit has guided and led you to see the love between friends and family. Give thanks to God for the health of your children and the blessings of abundance through which to support the ministry of Jesus Christ in the world. Draw upon the strength of the Lord to fulfill his grace-filled purpose for your life in decisions both large and small. And most importantly, share and make known all these things, for we are called to quite literally "witness" to "whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you." Philippians 4:8-9

Blessings,
Pastor Justin



***** SESSION NOTES *****

Your Session met on Tuesday evening, July 19, 2016, and during the meeting the Elders:

- Welcomed the Board of Deacons to the annual Joint Meeting with Session, thanked them for their service and approved their work
- Learned that dates continue to be filled for Summer Special Music; some are still available
- Learned that Sunday School Kickoff is scheduled for September 11
- Heard that the Golden Girls will travel to the Broken Egg Café this month and to the Delphi Tea Room next month
- Approved a motion to present proposed By-Law changes to the congregation with a view toward reducing the number of church officers

Michael E. Grimes, Clerk of Session

***** SESSION NOTES *****

Your Session met on Tuesday evening, August 16, 2016, and during the meeting the Elders:

- Heard a report from the Board of Trustees Re: Basement Step Project – architects will soon be measuring and completing renderings in order to apply for grants
- Heard of problems with the Sanctuary air conditioning: may need replacement in the near future
- Reported the marriage of Alicia Woodbury and Paul Berglin on June 25 at Traverse City, Michigan by The Reverend Dr. Justin Schlesinger-Devlin
- Approved Sunday School Teachers and Curriculum for the fall semester
- Reported the passing of Elder Ronald E. Miller on July 31, at his home
- Reported that the Minutes of Session and Church Register were reviewed without correction at the Presbytery Records Review on July 23 at Elston
- Reported that Scholarships were presented to Molly Bull, Avery Grimes, Caitlinn Lineback, and Emily Mundell during worship on Sunday, August 14
- Approved allowing the Boy Scouts to use the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall for an Eagle Scout Court of Honor on October 8, for Scout Chris Leffert

Michael E. Grimes, Clerk of Session



Change for Change! This offering is meant to support local mission projects this year. Please, SAVE your loose coins (no bills – **we want to make the offering buckets ring again this year!**). The second Sunday of each month - bring your change to help with Change in our community and throughout the world!

We collected \$218.73 in June, July, and August for Geneva Center camperships!

**Our Next Change for Change Event will be
September 11, 2016
Blanket Drive for Church World Service!**

Food Pantry is open every Friday, from 9:00 am – 11:00 am.

Every month you read about our food pantry and our thanks goes out to everyone for all that you give to it.

This month we want to especially ask for **help on Friday mornings**. If you are free any Friday from 9:00 to 11:00 am, please think about taking a turn to help keep our pantry open. Just sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board in the Parlor.

If you have questions, please call Paul at 765-404-3317 or Carol at 449-9050.



Thanks,
Paul Houser & Carol Frantz

Who refreshes others will be refreshed. – Proverbs 11:25



New or gently used donations of Fall clothing are being accepted, girl's and boy's sizes Newborn through girl's junior and young men's, and maternity wear.

The next Micro Mission Sunday Kid's Closet sort will be **Sunday, September 18th at 9 am**. Our next Distribution/Sort will be **Saturday, September 24 from 9:00 am until Noon**. If you would like to help, please contact Julie Boles or Muriel Grimes for more information.

Smorgasbord and Bazaar



Mark Your Calendar for This Fall's Annual Smorgasbord and Bazaar on Saturday, November 5! This is the perfect time for starting those craft projects for the Bazaar, and to set aside an hour or two to volunteer on that day between 3:00 and 8:00 PM, or for preparation in the days before. More information and volunteer opportunities will be coming soon. Thank you for your prayers and continued support for this important event!

Phyllis Hill, Smorgasbord Chair

2016–2017 Dayton Memorial Scholarship Awards

Sixteen years ago someone had the foresight to establish a Scholarship Fund to help young people pursue their educational goals. Today, from that seed that was planted, more than \$64,000 has been awarded to 19 different students that have qualified to receive financial help with their college education. From that seed that was planted so long ago, others have been inspired to generously support the Scholarship Fund through personal donations provided by anonymous donations as well as in honor/memory of past members of Dayton Memorial. **More than \$90,000** has been donated to the Scholarship Fund since its inception in 2000! Indeed that seed has grown!

In order to be considered for this scholarship, a student has to meet initial qualifications of demonstrating financial need and continued qualifications including outstanding personal conduct and passing grades in all subjects studied. Congratulations to the four students that have qualified to receive a scholarship for 2016-2017 year.

Emily Mundell is in her fourth year at Ball State University completing her studies in Social Work.

Molly Bull is in her second year at Purdue University studying Agricultural Education in the School of Agriculture.

Caitlinn Lineback is in her second year at Purdue University studying Food Sciences in the School of Agriculture.

Avery Grimes is in his second year at Ivy Tech studying Business with a Major in Accounting and a Minor in Business Management.

Congratulations to this year's recipients with blessings and prayers for a successful school year!

Kickoff Sunday, September 11



On Sunday, September 11, as we remember and keep in prayer the 15th anniversary of 9/11, the theme of our Kick Off Sunday will be Public Safety Appreciation.

We have invited individuals who serve in public safety related areas, along with their families, to join us for a carry-in breakfast beginning at 9 am. Some of those who will be attending have agreed to bring vehicles related to their service, such as a squad car, fire trucks, etc. for those who attend to tour and ask questions about. There will also be activities for children to do during this time.

During the morning Worship Service at 10:30 we will take the opportunity to show our appreciation to everyone who serves in a public safety related field, including law enforcement, fire fighters, EMT, 911 dispatchers, line men, etc. with a special time of prayer.

Please extend an invitation to any person and their family who works in a public safety field, and encourage them to wear their uniform!

Volunteers are the Heart of Hospice!

On Sunday, September 18, during the Sunday School hour, there will be a presentation from Serenity Hospice about how to become a hospice volunteer in and around Mulberry.

Volunteers are the backbone of hospice service and have been so since their creation. In fact, early hospice programs were all volunteers, and that spirit has continued in all hospices today. Volunteers provide help and services to others.

One of the presenters will be Rev. Laura Penney Bade, who is a hospice chaplain, who has filled in for Pastor Justin while on vacation. Serenity Hospice will be providing the food for the continental breakfast in appreciation for your time in learning about what hospice volunteers do!

Hunger Hike, Sunday, September 18

Hunger Hike



This year's Hunger Hike is September 18. Our youth plan to walk, with donations going to fund the missions in Section 3 of our budget, especially the United Food Pantry. When the youth approach you for support, we hope you will give generously.

We will gather after worship for a meal and then a little after 1 pm we will drive to the Hunger Hike, which begins at 2 pm. The youth will need to be picked up at around 3:30 pm in downtown Lafayette after the completion of the hike, unless they are going to return to the church for the Dine with Nine event, in which case they can be driven back to church.

And of course, we love it when whole families join us for the hike! Please let Pastor Justin know if you and/or your family will be able to attend this very special annual event so we have enough food and transportation!

Dine With 9 Kick-off with Entertainment

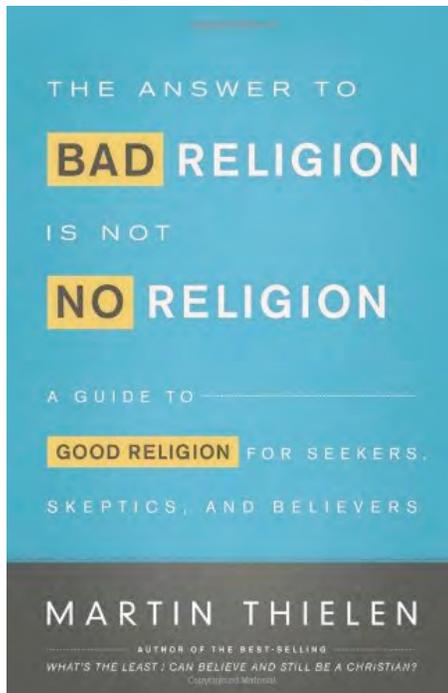
Our kick-off date for our Dine with Nine groups will be Sunday, September 18 at 4 pm at the church. Please let me know if you would like to join us this year. I'm enticing you with some very good entertainment for that date. I really don't want you to miss this—**our own special organist Shellie will join Rod Ray** (he is that mean pianist that makes the piano move) for duets and other special music. So we will have entertainment, and then we will have a “finger food feast!” That is really just appetizers, so bring your favorite and we will make a meal out of it. Then groups will be selected and they will plan their events. I encourage all of you just to come and try us out and enjoy our entertainment.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Harriett Berry, Seed planting/Evangelism Committee

Adult Sunday School

Beginning Sunday, September 25, Pastor Justin will be leading a discussion based on the book *The Answer to Bad Religion is Not No Religion* by Martin Thielen.



In an effort to help those who've been hurt by or turned off by negative religion, Martin Thielen explains that there is an alternative to abandoning religion: good religion. Thielen uses personal stories to illustrate the dangers of religion that is judgmental, anti-intellectual, and legalistic. While addressing the growth of the new atheism movement and the "Nones" (people that have no religious affiliation), this book argues that leaving religion is not practical, not helpful, and not necessary. Thielen provides counterparts to the characteristics of bad religion, explaining that good religion is grace-filled, promotes love and forgiveness, and is inclusive and hope-filled.

Sept 25 The Answer to Bad Religion Is Not No Religion, but Good Religion

Oct 2 The Answer to Judgement Is Love

Oct 9 The Answer to Negativity Is Hope

Oct 16 The Answer to Arrogance Is Openess

Oct 23 The Answer to Division Is Community

Oct 30 The Answer to Passivity Is Passion

Our Church Family

September ELDERS: Cathy Hancock, Communion Julie Rosa, Devotions

September DEACONS: Molly Bull, Captain Cindy Bull

September BIRTHDAYS

1	Eric Shaw	15	Carole Kemmer
2	Mary Margaret Sugar	15	Tammy Webber
3	Esther Miller	16	John Brand
5	Bill Edwards	17	Tracey Harris
6	Adam Gibson	21	Max Biery
6	Carol Lane	26	Taylor Fogarty
7	Kameron Little	27	Adam Franklin
7	Cheryl Richard	29	Jean Downham
9	Molly Bull	29	Donald Schwartz
13	Matthew Campbell	30	Heather (Reid) Stene



Happy Anniversary

September

4	Scott & Hillary Basden
6	Jim & Jennifer Murray
19	Kelly & Kim Little
22	Paul & Mary Houser
24	Jim & Helen Jackson
27	David & Jane Coleman
27	Randy & Tammy Webber



Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you, everyone, for your love and support throughout Ron's illness and passing. He dearly loved his church family.

Thank you, Pastor Justin, for your visits and guidance these past months.

Thank you DPW and church friends who prepared and served the delicious meal where we could visit and share precious memories.

Ron's deep faith and your love give us strength and comfort.

Sincerely,

Esther Miller, Carole Kemmer, Steven Miller

Note

If you or someone you know is not receiving the newsletter or not receiving it in the preferred format, please let the office know. Please report any change of address or email. secretary@daytonpres.org or 296-3199.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers



Our military, our nation & its leaders; persecuted Christians; people locally & nationally in need; victims of domestic violence; Carolyn Finkenbinder; Russell Lucas; Marjora Odenkirk; Jackie Ginther (Niece/J.Schwartz); Andy Vasiento (father of Nicole Rosen); Kevin Konrad; Jack Ferry (friend of D. & J. Schwartz); Margaret Stonecipher (friend of C. Stanford); Kathleen Smith (co-worker, K. Summers); Mary Terry; Terry Lynn Pfeiffer; Bob Yost; Riley Crye (friend of the Boles family); Brent McKinney (friend of the Boles family); Kennedy Alkire; Nancy Brand; Tyler Loschen (friend of DeGolyer family); Carol McGill (daughter-in-law of D. & J. Schwartz); David Mundell (Great Uncle of E. Mundell);

Stan Bull; Jon Grimes; Betty Pfeiffer; Cindy DeGolyer; Jean Cassel; Tracey Harris; Don Schwartz; Polly Gould, Sherina Gould (relatives of S. Clawson); Gene Smith; Renee Tharp (sister of K. Deckard); Jack Roberts (friend of F. Reichart); Levi Evans (friend of C. Bull); Amanda Overmeyer; the family of Mazie Valenta; Tim Fitzgerald; William Brown (relative of Teresa and Emily Mundell); Mary Ellen Bowers; Carol Frantz; the family of Ron Carter; the family of Andy King (son-in-law of Joy Schwartz); Roger Hicks; the family of Marian Widmer Gould; the family of Ron Miller; the family of Darlene Craig; the family of Jane Yost.

SEPTEMBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 <i>Food Pantry 9-11 am</i>	3
4 <i>9:45 am Carry-in Cont. Breakfast 10:30 am Worship</i>	5	6	7 <i>Zumba, 6:15 pm</i>	8	9 <i>Food Pantry 9-11 am</i>	10
11 <i>9:00 am Sunday School Kick-off Carry-in Cont. Breakfast 10:30 am Worship Change 4 Change Blanket Drive</i>	12 <i>Mission 7:00 pm</i>	13	14 <i>Zumba, 6:15 pm</i>	15	16 <i>Food Pantry 9-11 am</i>	17 <i>Presbytery meeting Geneva Center</i>
18 <i>8:45 am Carry-in Cont. Breakfast 9:00 am Sunday School 9:00 am Kid's Closet Micro Mission Sort 10:30 am Worship 1:00 pm Hunger Hike 4:00 pm Dine with 9 Kick Off</i>	19	20 <i>CE meeting 6:00 pm Session 7:00 pm</i>	21 <i>Zumba, 6:15 pm</i>	22	23 <i>Food Pantry 9-11 am</i>	24 <i>Kid's Closet Distribution/Sort 9:00 am until Noon</i>
25 <i>8:45 am Carry-in Cont. Breakfast 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship</i>	26	27	28 <i>Zumba, 6:15 pm</i>	29	30 <i>Food Pantry 9-11 am</i>	

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Sunday Summer Schedule
9:45 am Continental Breakfast
10:30 am Worship

Sunday Fall/Winter Schedule
Beginning September 18, 2016
8:45 am Continental Breakfast
9:00 am Sunday School for All Ages
10:00 am Continental Breakfast
10:30 am Worship



Hello,
September!

Sunday School Kick-off/Tip-off!
Sunday, September 11, 2016
9:00 am
Come join the fun!